



Cultural Centre

A Community that Inspires

Bird Island, MN



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 We are extending the Farmer's Market
 in Bird Island to September 31st
 allowing the vegetable vendors more
 time to bring fresh produce to your
 table and for you to support the cottage
 industries of Renville County.

WE ARE RESILIENT...

Thanks to the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council, BIO Legacy, Minnesota State Arts Board, Southwest Initiative Fund, Minnesota Historical Society, Lions Club and community members like you; we are surviving these challenging times. Our impact in the arts and community engagement is allowing us to meet our communities' growing needs. We strive to inspire, engage and promote the creative process by showcasing the possibilities of the human spirit and ingenuity. The ability to see future possibilities is part of who we are as human beings. The driving forces: inspiration, vision and synchronicity of body, mind and spirit engages the creative process. While our focus is the Arts, we also include community engagement across generations to be critical in community health. Thus, the monthly Art Exhibitions, the Renville County Market in Bird Island, the Youthful Art Classes, The Tales from the Tall Grass Prairie, the Community Teas, the SAIL Exercise Program, the Elder Story Project and social clubs enable positive interactions which, in turn, enrich our communities. We encourage you to visit our website at www.birdislandculture.com to learn more about the offerings at the Cultural Centre in Bird Island.



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THANK YOU !!!

In **September**, noted artist, **Nan Karr Kaufenberg** will be exhibiting a twenty-five-year retrospective of her block prints. Ms. Karr Kaufenberg, an experienced exhibitor throughout Southwest Minnesota resides in Redwood Falls, Minnesota. and currently has her work on display at the Carris Health Complex in Redwood Falls. She carves original designs into wood or linoleum, prints them on paper and then tints the image with watercolor. Not only is Ms. Karr Kaufenberg a prolific artist and business woman she has earned numerous awards since 2018. The Cultural Centre encourages you to view and be inspired by the skilled artistry of Nan Karr Kaufenberg. The Artist Reception will be September 11, 2021 from 1- 3 PM during the Yellowstone Trail Sociability Run.

The Cultural Centre welcomes **Dona Larkin** in **October**. Dona, a free-lance artist lives south of Renville, Minnesota and has sold her work throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and through Sotheby's.com. Dona has three different series of work in progress at all times. An award-winning artist, her work has been exhibited throughout the United States in juried exhibitions. Acrylic, oil and gouache are her preferred mediums. Ms. Larkin's works

vary in size from miniatures to murals. Her murals may be seen in public places throughout Southwest Minnesota like Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar, Redwood County Child Advocacy Center and the Redwood County Courthouse both located in Redwood Falls, Minnesota. Dona's Artist Reception will be October 16, 2021 from 1-3 PM at which time you may also purchase her signed illustrated Christmas book, "Eldon the Elf Who Grew Too Tall" written by author, Tom Wiborg.

November 1st to December 10th Sheila Jacobs and Tom Jacobs return to the Cultural Centre. The Jacobs are residents of rural Olivia, Minnesota with roots in Bird Island. Sheila is a visual artist, potter, stain glass artist and Tom creates functional works of art in wood. Both have received recognition as environmentalists. To kick off the "Old Fashioned Christmas", on December 3rd, Sheila and Tom's Artist Reception will be from 4:00 – 7:30 PM. during the first annual Christmas Market in Bird Island located in front of the Cultural Centre. Sheila's work is a celebration of life-long learning. Observing her father and artist, Butch Olson, as small child, she learned the intricacies of the creative process. We are honored to exhibit the Jacobs' works of art. Sheila, an award-winning artist, and Tom embody the discipline, ingenuity and precision required for professional creative expression.

"The Renville County Market in Bird Island" is a community celebration sponsored by "Developing Roots" and the "Cultural Centre in Bird Island" located on Dogwood Avenue between Main Street and 6th Street. This opportunity for food vendors, fresh fruit/vegetable stands, fund-raisers, craft vendors, and musicians to sell their wares and share their talents is a big success! In fact, we are extending the Wednesday market dates to September 31st! The vendors, Developing Roots, and the Cultural Centre will host **The First Annual Christmas Market** on December 3rd during **Bird Island's "Old Fashioned Christmas"**. This event is an opportunity for you to socialize, begin your Christmas shopping by supporting our cottage industries and partake in the Christmas Spirit. Please visit www.birdislandculture.com for more details.

Community Elders Documentary Film Making Project

BOLD and BLHS School Districts (with 189 students grades 11-12) will partner with the Cultural Centre in Bird Island, Tom Cherveney (West Central Tribune Reporter), Paul Heyl (Social Worker/Interviewer), and Mark Haen (Media Specialist) using small group learning to provide hands-on experience in professional cinematic production. The schools provide basic arts programs, history, social sciences, and speech/english classes. Training in the cinematic arts has not been in the curriculum.

The Documentary Film Making of Community Elders Project will build on history, art, speech/english and social science classes now offered. Maximum class size will be 16 students, 2 adult community participants, and up to 18 interview subjects to insure everyone receives hands-on practice in all skills. The professional(s) will demonstrate each skill, students will practice the skill, feedback will be provided and the skill practiced again. The process will be repeated until proficiency is achieved.

Classes will be provided during school year 2021-2022, four hours per week for students and adults. Students will become proficient in the use of all cinematic equipment, will practice/learn personal and public interview skills, use and practice story boards and script writing, and participate in all aspects in the production of two films. Each film will be edited by students for public and family audiences. A screening at Pioneer TV and critique of the final film productions will be done by Pioneer production staff.

Availability of cinematic skills will enable the Cultural Centre to offer a billable professional product to families that would preserve the memories and lives of family members. The income would insure future availability of the service.

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT GIVING THINK LOCAL

Just as we support our local businesses in purchases of supplies and groceries, we ask for your continued support of local artists and programs of the Cultural Centre in Bird Island. Your support of the arts and culture throughout this region is critical. Culture encompasses art, customs, foods, music, work practices, beliefs, health and wellness. Most importantly, culture is designed to meet the needs of all age groups, all ethnicities and all belief systems forming a thread of dignified humanity. Thank you for your support. If you have not gotten a membership, or made a contribution this year, please complete the enclosed form and send it in today. You may enroll or contribute on line at www.birdislandculture.com Your contribution is tax-exempt.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTION FORM SEND TO - CULTURAL CENTRE, PO BOX 434, BIRD ISLAND, MN 55310

Name _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Comments _____

I appreciate the arts and intergenerational services provided by the Cultural Centre in Bird Island.

MEMBERSHIP FORM SEND TO - Cultural Centre, PO Box 434, Bird Island, MN 55310

\$30 – Individual \$50 – Family \$250 – Lifetime (Includes your name plaque on the donor wall.)

Membership Category _____ Amount enclosed _____

Name _____ Address _____

Phone ----- e-mail

Fall class/programming schedule. Go to www.birdislandculture.com for more information.



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OUR NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE by  **DESIGN** by Leta

Resiliency forces innovation and we have redesigned our website to serve our regional community now and into the future. We hope you'll join us.

www.birdislandculture.com



10th Annual Community HARVEST FESTIVAL has moved
and will be held at the Cultural Centre **OCTOBER 31ST!**

**THIS FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT EMBRACES
GRATITUDE, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY!**

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